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SUBJ: AGENDA FOR MINISTERIAL MEETING OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL,  
MANILA, JUNE 20-24

REF: A) STATE 117059; B) ROME 8470

/SUMMARY/: THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL PREPARATORY MEETING RAPORTEUR, LANDYMORE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, IN HIS MEETING WITH FRIENDS OF THE REPPORTEUR MAY 24; DECIDED WITHOUT DISSENT TO DEFER FURTHER ACTION ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE WFC MINISTERIAL MEETING UNTIL ABOUT MAY 31, TO GIVE TIME FOR THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO INFORM HIM OF THE REACTIONS TO THE INITIATIVES TAKEN BY U.S. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BERGLAND AND BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS. WE HAD DISTRUBUTED COPIES OF THE BERGLAND LETTER FOR INFORMATION TO MANY OF THE INTERESTED REPRESENTATIVES, AND REACTION TO IT PROVED QUITE FAVORABLE. THE WFC SECRETARIAT HAD PREPARED A DRAFT FOR DISSEMINATION BY THE RAPPORTEUR, BUT HE HAD NOT PERSONALLY APPROVED IT, PREFERRING TO AWAIT REACTIONS TO THE U.S. INITIATIVES. THE CHAIRMAN OF GROUP-77 AND THE PAKISTANI FRIEND NOTED THAT THE BERGLAND PROPOSAL WAS SUBSTANTIALLY IN LINE WITH THE SECRE-TARIAT'S DRAFT AND OTHER THINKING, AND THEY TOOK NO ISSUE WITH  
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OMISSION OF A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM ON FOOD TRADE. THE CHAIRMAN OF GROUP-77 SUGGESTED AN OVERVIEW OF THE QUESTION OF ERADICATION OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION, CONSOLIDATING THE OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS UNDER THAT HEADING. HE ALSO SUGGESTED MENTION OF AN ASSESSMENT OF THE WORLD FOOD SITUATION, AS AN INFORMATION ITEM, WITH WHICH THE RAPPORTEUR AGREED. DETAILS ARE REPORTED BELOW, PEGGED TO THE SECRETARIAT'S DRAFT. END SUMMARY

1. DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA (PREPARED BY THE WFC SECRETARIAT FOR PRESENTATION BY THE RAPPORTEUR, BUT NOT APPROVED BY HIM).

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION.

ITEM 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

ITEM 3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

ITEM 4. RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COUNCIL: ACTION REQUIRED IN LIGHT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/120. (COMMENT: THE RAPPORTEUR SAID HE PERSONALLY WOULD PREFER TO REPHRASE THIS IN TERMS OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING FOR AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE, AND THERE WAS NO DISSENT.)

ITEM 5. ERADICATION OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION: CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT AND ON THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC ASPECTS THEREOF: A) INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION, B) WORLD FOOD SECURITY, C) FOOD AID, D) AGRICULTURAL INPUTS, E) HUMAN NUTRITION, AND E) FOOD TRADE. (COMMENT: THE PAKISTANI THIS DRAFT, IN THAT BERGLAND PROPOSED INCLUDING AGRICULTURAL INPUTS UNDER INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION, AND ONLY FOOD TRADE WAS OMITTED IN THE BERGLAND PROPOSAL. THE CHAIRMAN OF GROUP-77 BRITO OF BRAZIL, AFTER A JOINT PARSING OF THE BERGLAND LETTER ON THIS POINT WITH THE RAPPORTEUR, TOOK NO ISSUE WITH THE BERGLAND HANDLING OF TRADE, ALTHOUGH THE YUGOSLAV LATER READ THE REPORT OF THE SECOND MINISTERIAL WFC MEETING REFERRING TO FOOD TRADE AMONG OTHER ISSUES REMAINING TO BE DEALT WITH AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. BRITO PRESSED THE POINT THAT HE BELIEVED THE DISCUSSION SHOULD TAKE THE FORM OF AN OVER-VIEW OF THE PROBLEMS OF HUNGER AND MULNUTRITION, WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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THE SPECIFIC HEADINGS CONSOLIDATED UNDER THAT GENEVAL OVER-VIEW. HE ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT MENTION BE MADE OF THE ASSESSMENT OF THE WORLD FOOD SITUATION, FOR INFORMATION ONLY. THE RAPPORTEUR SAID HE HAD HAD THE SAME IDEA, AND SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF HANDLING THIS: A) BY PUTTING THE PREPARATORY MEETING ASSESSMENT AS A SEPARATE NEW AGENDA ITEM, BEFORE THE PRESENT ITEM 5, OR B) CONSOLIDATING IT IN THE PRESENT ITEM 5 AS AN INFORMATION ELEMENT. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO EXPRESSED PERSONAL PREFERENCE FOR THE LATTER).

ITEM 6. PRIORITIES FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE SESSIONS.

7. DATE AND PLACE OF THE FOURTH SESSION.

ITEM 8. REPORT OF THE COUNCIL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

2. IN DISCUSSING THE HANDLING OF GHE AGENDA PROBLEM, THE RAPPORTERU POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH THE PREPARATION

OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA, WITH THE ADVICE OF FRIENDS. AT THE  
MOMENT, HOWEVER, ACTION WAS PROCEEDING AT TWO LEVELS:  
A) AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL BY THE U.S. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE  
WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS FOR THE MANILA MEETING, -,\$ -) 9 -5 &9;34,-  
MENTAL LEVEL BY BOB SWIFT OF AUSTRALIA AND PERHAPS OTHERS,  
AND B) AT THE LEVEL OF THE RAPPOREUR AND HIS FRIENDS. LANDYMORE  
SAID HE WAS RELUWCTANT TO TRY TO MOVE AHEAD IN ROME UNTIL  
THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE OTHER GOVERN-  
MENTS HAD TIME TO INFORM HIM OF THE REACTIONS TO SECRETARY  
BERGLAND'S INITIATIVE. IT WAS AGREED THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION  
WILL BE DEFERRED UNTIL TENTATIVELY TUESDAY, MAY 31.

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION: WE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST RECEIPT  
OF OTHER GOVERNMENT'S REACTIONS TO SECRETARY BERGLAND'S  
LETTER SO THAT WE MAY PASS THEM TO THE RAPPOREUR CURRENTLY.  
OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WOULD BE THE REACTIONS OF COUNTRIES  
REPRESENTED AMONG THE FRIENDS OF THE RAPPOREUR: GERMANY,  
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HUNGARY, KENYA, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, SRI LANKA, SWEDEN, AND THE  
UNITED KINGDOM, AND OF YUGOSLVAVIA, WHOSE REPRESENTATIVE ALSO  
IS ATTENDING THE MEETINGS. GARDNER

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